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## POLITICAL

## 1. MATSUMURA Mission Aftermath (WEEKA 39, Item 1)

PriMin IKEDA has conveyed to Ambassador assurance that GOJ and LDP fully aware pitfalls in negotiations with ChiComs, that GOJ leaders realize ChiCom goal is to spread Communism in Japan, and that as practical matter only very moderate increase in ChiCom trade likely. CHEN Yi statement to Socialist (JSP) Diet members, visiting Peiping for Oct. 1 National Day celebrations (WEEKA 38, Item 2), restated ChiCom view development economic relations must be accompanied by parallel development political relations. ChiComs also elicited from head JSP Diet members group reaffirmation ASANUMA "common enemy" statement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Chen Yi speech has caused Japanese business community to

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reflect further on difficulties involved in trade with ChiComs and has served to bring situation into more realistic perspective. Assistant SecState HARRIMAN's remarks Sept. 26, also dampened enthusiasm of some businessmen who had been expected participate in TAKASAKI Mission. GOJ apparently believes that in course Japanese cautious follow-up on Matsumura Mission, public will obtain more realistic appreciation limitations on ChiCom trade possibilities. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Japan-Korean Relations

Ninth round PAE-SUGI talks held Oct. 2. Meeting confined to establishment framework of discussions re fisheries and legal status Korean residents to begin Oct. 5. No discussion claims issue. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Both sides awaiting ForMin OHIRA's return Oct. 7 before continuing discussion claims issue. Next PAE-SUGI meeting Oct. 10 may provide indication whether two sides will be able narrow gap on claims before meeting ROK CIA Chief KIM Chong Pil with PriMin IKEDA, reportedly scheduled Oct. 22 (WEEKA 39, Item 4). (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Anti-Communist Conference Held in Tokyo

First meeting in Japan of Asian People's Anti-Communist League (APACL), chaired by former PriMin KISHI, held Oct. 1-5 under auspices Japan chapter. Former US Amb MURPHY delivered address at first plenary session. Hong Kong delegate protested Japanese version of name, "Asia Freedom League" as compromise of principles. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Hong Kong delegate's speech pointed up difference of emphasis between Japanese sponsors and GRC, ROK and Hong Kong delegations, with former desiring avoid undue domestic criticism and provide possible basis greater public acceptance by emphasizing positive but not so hard public line as latter. Japanese press, despite prominent Japanese cast, has paid virtually no attention to meeting. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. Tanro Opposes Coal Team Report

Continued opposition by Coal Miners Union (Tanro), Sohyo, and JSP to findings and recommendations Coal Mine Investigation Team (CMIT) has delayed issuance of Team's report, originally scheduled October 4 (WEEKA 39, Item 3). Management has expressed "basic agreement" with CMIT's recommendations, but unions strongly opposed on grounds GOJ has declined give iron-clad guarantee regarding reemployment 80,000 miners scheduled be discharged during 1962-1967. Tanro plans stage 24-hour strikes October 6 and 24. If GOJ refuses heed Tanro's demands, Tanro threatens 1) "prevent" PriMin IKEDA's departure on scheduled trip Europe early November; and 2) "unlimited strikes" to coincide with special Diet session. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Despite last-minute attempts by Tanro and Sohyo to obtain concessions from CMIT, final report probably will not satisfy unions. Accordingly, Tanro likely attempt influence GOJ and public opinion by strikes and mobilization miners in Tokyo, but threat prevent PriMin's departure not taken seriously. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

5. News Media Treatment Meredith Case

Media gave continuous coverage Meredith case by wire stories, photos, TV films, moving story to front page as violence, tension built-up. Newspapers carried considerable factual background material, recalling previous incidents particularly Little Rock, Freedom Riders. Asahi correspondent MATSUYAMA sent interpretive reports from Oxford, Jackson; attributed discrimination to inhabitants' low economic level. NHK-TV carried newfilms US Marshals accompanying Meredith, scenes campus violence. Commentaries described incident as shameful, particularly since America is "center of Democracy," but approved President's speech, courage and determination. As order restored, wire reports moved inside pages. Communist daily, Akahata, ignored story until Oct. 3, when it printed an article accusing President of a do-nothing attitude. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although incident produced general criticism racial discrimination US, President's decisive action reduced critical commentary. Incident has excited attention of students; probably will be taken as "further evidence" racial problems in United States. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. Media Coverage Schirra Space Flight

Media gave heavy coverage to six-orbit flight, starting with Oct. 3 evening pre-flight stories. NHK-TV and radio programs interrupted with news of successful launching. Most Oct. 4 morning editions gave Sigma 7 top position front page, with detailed reports, photos, backgrounders, and maps. Interest carried over to evening editions, which reported successful recovery. NHK-TV carried newfilm of launching in prime evening news slot. Oct. 5 morning papers continued front-page coverage, with Mainichi editorial "happy with success of space flight." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Excellent coverage somewhat less than previous American exploits, probably resulting from increasingly "routine" nature of space flights. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. Japanese Press Reaction to Latest Nuclear Test at Johnston Island

Terse, strictly factual accounts AEC announcement re Oct. 2 test shot given top play only by Tokyo Shimbun; accorded minor front page treatment by remainder

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vernacular and English language press. Item appeared afternoon and evening editions Oct. 3, disappeared at once as news Schirra flight dominated morning press Oct. 4 (Item 6). No editorial comment through morning editions Oct. 5. Similar low-key treatment given recent Soviet tests. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Intensity reaction continues diminish as current US series progresses; impact this instance probably reduced further by prior announcement. Barring exceptional circumstances or results, subsequent tests this series may be relegated to "elsewhere in news" treatment. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

MILITARY

Navy

8. MSDF Fall Maneuvers Underway

MSDF fall maneuvers, involving some 90 naval vessels and 60 aircraft commenced off Kyushu in Japan Sea Sept. 30 and scheduled through Oct. 7. Communications and air control units of GSDF and ASDF also reportedly taking part. Stated objectives are training in anti-submarine warfare, protection maritime bases against invasion, and protection convoys against air and submarine attack. This first MSDF exercise to be conducted in vicinity Tsushima and Rhee Line. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

9. JSDF to Conduct its First Amphibious Operation

General HAYASHI, Chief, Joint Staff Council, has indicated that in early December this year, approximately one GSDF regiment will be embarked in MSDF amphibious craft at Nagoya and landed at Numazu in first amphibious operations in SDF history. All three services will participate. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Other fall SDF exercises have been publicly announced (Item 8). To date, no mention planned amphibious exercise made in local press or SDF newspapers. This perhaps in part due to basically offensive nature of amphibious operation, although it will undoubtedly be billed as test SDF's ability move troops by sea to counter invasion Japan. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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## POLITICAL

1. Extraordinary Diet Session for December

Lower House Vice Speaker has publicly stated extraordinary Diet session will be convened December 10. LDP sources state Party thinking in terms of ten-day session to deliberate coal policy and minimum of other business (Item 8). Regular session would then convene about December 23, but would not get down to business until January.

(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: One informed LDP Diet tactician points out that Prime IKEDA and LDP will be under great pressure to keep controversial issues out of Diet until after local elections next April. This bodes ill for

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early deliberation on Korean settlement, even assuming one could be reached by end of year (Item 4). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. SONE Resigns as DSP SecGeneral

Eki Sone announced to press Oct. 4 his intention resign as SecGen Democratic Socialist Party (DSP) in order promote party unity in advance convention scheduled open Oct. 15. Chairman NISHIO, Sone, and other mainstream leaders embarked immediately on effort select successor from ranks senior party members, and by Oct. 11 reportedly decided on Eiichi NISHIMURA for SecGen post and on amendment of party regulations to create post Vice-Chairman to be filled by Ushiro ITO, who has reputation of peace-maker within party. Mainstream still faces task, however, of obtaining co-operation of "younger faction" which earlier announced opposition to either Ito or Nishimura and demanded Sone's successor be selected from younger leaders. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although it had been generally believed that Sone would remain as SecGen, if only because no suitable alternative appeared available, his announcement probably was result failure of mainstream attempts to persuade opposition to avoid open fight during convention in effort unseat Sone, a clash which might also have endangered Nishio's re-election. Younger faction may find it difficult reject mainstream compromise offer to replace Sone with Nishimura since refusal would carry onus for blocking achievement unity essential for maximum DSP effort in coming local elections. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. JSP Foreign Policy Draft

JSP Foreign Policy Committee (Hiroo WADA, Chairman) Oct. 8, approved draft for submission November convention (WEEKA 39, Item 2) after approval Central Executive Committee (CEC). Press treatment emphasized omission any reference to "American imperialism" and fact demand for withdrawal US bases in FE dropped from final draft as indicating shift to right in line with "EDA mood". Draft asserts "basic cause" tension in FE is East-West confrontation but that "US anti-communist strategy is important factor". Final draft takes slightly more flexible position on Korean question and omits explicit demand for recognition East German regime contained in earlier draft. Draft, however, sticks closely to "positive neutrality" line, and position unchanged on China problem, demand for abrogation US-Japan Security Treaty, and atomic testing-disarmament.

In other pre-convention developments, Kozo SASAKI continued attack on SecGen EDA, charging his recent statements on nature "new socialism" are in violation JSP platform and demanding that CEC rule on charge. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP source has informed Embassy that press has exaggerated extent changes involved in foreign policy draft. Source stated that although draft reflects trend toward moderation, this will be more evident in action program.

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Despite continued efforts Sasaki-SUZUKI combination to mount challenge, mainstream remains confident Eda will be re-elected by solid majority and that convention will confirm without major changes continuation general line his policies over past year. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Japan-Korean Relations

In tenth round PAE-SUGI talks Oct. 10, it was decided hold meetings on fisheries and legal status Korean residents twice weekly. Korean Mission officer informed Embassy there no discussion claims; both sides awaiting arrival ROK CIA Chief KIM for further discussions that subject. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Although GOJ in press briefings has attempted downgrade importance Kim-IKEDA meeting, both ROK Mission and FonOff officials have indicated to Embassy they believe meeting crucial to success further negotiations on claims. There has been no public outcry against total grant-loan \$300 million figure frequently mentioned in press as possible compromise but there no indication public as yet actively concerned with this issue. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Return of Foreign Minister

FonMin CHIRA returned Oct. 7 from three-week trip during which he attended 17th UNGA opening, conferred with Secretary RUSK and visited London and West European capitals. Chira, in commenting to press, stressed impression he gained that Japan must assume more responsible posture in world affairs and do "what it is capable of doing, not just what it likes." He thought prospects for trade relations with Europe were encouraging and was optimistic that FCN Treaty with UK could be signed during PriMin's November visit to London. Chira reportedly stated to PriMin that Western unity on Berlin much firmer than he had expected. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Most important substantive discussions held by FonMin during trip were those with Secretary in New York. West European stops were largely intended give Chira opportunity gain feeling of European atmosphere. With trip over, Chira must now face two difficult and important problems which are at critical stage -- trade with ComChina and overall ROK settlement (Item 4). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. Prominent Visitors

Mexican President Adolfo LOPEZ-MATEOS arrived Oct. 11 for four-day state visit, accompanied by wife, daughter and suite of 67 officials, businessmen, journalists and aides; met at airport by Emperor and Empress. During initial call on PriMin, two leaders agreed that FCN Treaty and Cultural Exchange Agreement should be negotiated. Previous day, Norwegian FonMin LANGE arrived for week's official visit during which he will confer with PriMin and FonMin. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: See Item 9.

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7. Zenro Proposes Labor Unification

Zenro President TAKITA in press conference October 7 stated that chances for labor unification would be significantly improved if Sohyo and some Churitsu Roren unions would clarify their "complete disassociation" from Communism and the WFTU. Statement touched off press speculation on possibility labor unification. Several articles pointed out that Takita had ignored controversial political party support question (Sohyo supports JSP, Zenro backs DSP) and avoided reference to previous Zenro condition that unified organization affiliate with ICFTU. Sohyo SecGen Iwai welcomed Takita statement, noted that Sohyo has "no ties" with Communists and WFTU, but pointed out that Sohyo not prepared to abandon policy of "positive neutrality" as price for labor unification. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Takita statement contributes to view that Sohyo's recent shift toward moderation conducive to talks on labor unification. Unlikely, however, such talks would produce concrete results next two years. Possible that Takita statement partly intended to impress Walter REUTHER, scheduled visit Japan Nov. 15-25, with idea that Zenro is leader in unification movement and point up Sohyo's unwillingness accept minimum conditions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Cabinet Approves Wage Increases

Cabinet October 9 approved National Personnel Authority (NPA) Aug. 10 wage increase recommendations averaging 7.9 per cent for government service personnel (Embassy Airgram 245). Although NPA recommended implementation new wage scales retroactive to May, Cabinet decided increases should be effective October 1. Extraordinary Diet session (Item 1) scheduled pass budget to cover increases. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is third consecutive year that GOJ has accepted NPA pay raise recommendations, which this year justified on basis of 9.3 per cent gap between salaries of private industry and government service workers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY

Army-Navy

9. Self Defense Forces (JSDF) Honors to Emperor

As part of his announced intention to improve JSDF public image, JDA Director Gen Kenjiro SHIGA has proposed that 1) Emperor visit JSDF installations and 2) JSDF personnel be permitted to render honors to Emperor as "Symbol of State". While first proposal not yet decided, Cabinet October 9 agreed that "military escorts" will render presentation of arms or hand salutes, but other military honors such as those normally extended to high ranking dignitaries, will not be

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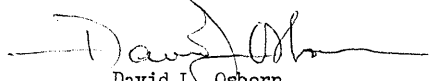
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rendered. First such honors to Emperor since end of WWII extended on occasion arrival President of Mexico October 11. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSDF would prefer be able render full honors. A few officers have expressed disappointment over watered down nature decision. These officers feel DefMin SHIGA acted too hastily (a reputation which he is rapidly acquiring) forcing formal, Cabinet level decisions which will be difficult to modify. Fact remains, however, that Shiga has been effective in keeping general public aware of need for improving dignity and prestige military profession. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL1. Mainstream Dominates DSP Convention

Annual DSP convention, October 15-17, ended with mainstream still firmly in control (WEEK 41, Item 2). Anti-mainstream unsuccessful in attempt to force compromise by boycotting opening session and finally decided not to enter candidates for top party posts. At same time, anti-mainstream refused serve on Central Executive Committee (CEC). In final session, Suehiro NISHIO re-elected Chairman for fourth time, with Ushiro ITO as Vice Chairman and Eiichi NISHIMURA as SecGeneral. In reduced CEC -- from 35 to 20 members -- mainstream holds 16 seats with four going to neutral faction.

Debate during plenary sessions centered on demands that DSP establish position as "renovationist" party, clarify stand on national defense, and strengthen organization and action programs. No major clashes occurred,

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however, and no significant changes made in policies and programs drafted by executive group, which in turn involved no major revisions of DSP stand on domestic and foreign policy issues. Over all, lack-luster convention atmosphere probably reflected discouragement over party's past defeats and faintness of hopes for gains in coming local elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although mainstream appears more firmly in control top leadership, nature of victory likely aggravate factional problem and thus handicap party's attempt make maximum effort in next electoral contest. Convention did little to clarify distinctive democratic socialist position as compared with two major parties and this, together with factional squabbles, probably has reinforced public image of DSP as ineffective and divided. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP Rejects Participation in Communist-led "Peace Movements"

Decision of Japan Socialist Party (JSP) Central Executive Committee (CEC) October 11, stipulates JSP participation in "peace movements" will be based on principle "independent" initiative and leadership and avoid joint action involving "unprincipled compromise" party policies. Decision also specifically rejected JSP participation in rallies sponsored by Japan Peace Committee (Heiwa Iinkai), JCP-controlled affiliate of World Peace Council, which reportedly has scheduled "peace rallies" in vicinity US bases for October 21. In line this CEC decision, JSP, together with Sohyo and other supporters in Gensuikyo, will hold independent anti-A-bomb rally in Hiroshima, November 22-23. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: CEC decision in line with effort disassociate JSP from JCP "peace movements" following open clash between JSP and Communist delegates at Tokyo Eighth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs (WEEKA 32, Item 2). Action also evidently related JSP-Sohyo efforts wrest control Gensuikyo from JCP. Uncertain, however, whether CEC decision also will apply to co-operation with JCP in other mass movements. In case campaign against ROK-J talks, however, there appears have been no change in JSP position taken in September rejecting co-operation in this campaign unless JCP "reflected on attitude" taken at Eighth Conference. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Coal Team Submits Report

Coal Mine Investigation Team (CMIT) October 13, formally submitted findings and recommendations to Cabinet (WEEKA 40, Item 4). Report called for dismissal 70,000 odd workers; production 55,000,000 tons coal by 1967; closure of inefficient mines, currently producing annual total of 12,000,000 tons; and expansion production in promising mines. Labor Ministry October 13, submitted plan to increase benefits to unemployed miners and provide measures to assist reemployment. Cabinet will meet several times to deliberate on CMIT report, but PriMin IKEDA has stated that final decision on government action to be delayed until his return from European trip. Meanwhile, Coal Miners Union (Tanro) planning send several thousand miners to Tokyo to make petitions and conduct demonstrations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: None.

4. Trade with Peiping

GOJ October 16 announced following terms within which Tatsunosuke TAKASAKI can negotiate with ChiComs: 1) three to five year trade agreement on strictly private basis with exports and imports to be balanced; 2) within agreed period GOJ will approve deferred payment arrangements on case-by-case basis, based on current trade practices between ComChina and West Europe; 3) no deferred payments for fertilizer except ammonium chloride for which one and one-half year deferred payment may be permitted; and 4) one-to-two year deferred payments permitted for steel, agricultural implements and machinery. Takasaki planning leave for Peiping about October 23, but has indicated dissatisfaction with instructions. Majority press speculates nothing spectacular likely result from visit. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ instructions actually allow Takasaki considerable latitude for negotiations. PriMin IKEDA and FonOff officials have assured Ambassador, however, that GOJ will strictly determine amounts of credits to be extended. Doubt also expressed that much additional trade will result since steel industry reluctant accept large amounts Chinese coal and iron ore and since fertilizer industry inhibited by commercial relations with GRC and ROK. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Japan Korean Relations

Eleventh PAE-SUGI meeting held October 17, confined to arrangements for talks between ROK CIA Director KIM Chong P'il and FonMin OHIRA October 20 and PriMin IKEDA October 22. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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6. Prime Minister Addresses SDF Commanders' Conference

For first time in Self Defense Force (SDF) history PriMin addressed annual Commanders' Conference, attended by approximately 150 senior SDF officers and JDA officials October 17. IKEDA's address stressed: 1) necessity Japan attain own defense capability until such time UN able insure world peace; 2) importance maintain high level professional competence; 3) responsibility uniformed officials remain aloof from politics. Ikeda also stressed, as did all other speakers, importance increased GOJ action improve dignity and prestige of military profession in eyes both public and SDF personnel. Salient points of address received wide press coverage, which emphasized significance PriMin's attendance. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Ikeda's participation is major step forward in JDA's recently accelerated program to improve stature of SDF. In response ARMA query, JDA source stated speech prepared by JDA, but revised to considerable extent by PriMin. Senior MSDF officer expressed satisfaction with points Ikeda's speech. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL

Reaction Cuban Developments

Mass media gave top play, continuous, thorough coverage to President KENNEDY's speech announcing US policy re Cuba, all subsequent developments. Editorial comment of major press initially evinced shock, expressed anxiety over possibility all-out war, regretted President's forceful action. Most papers looked for solution through UN mediation, with Asahi proposing UN inspection team verify missile bases. Yomiuri noted Japan is member free world and should follow example of Britain, Canada; also should seek solution in General Assembly. Only Tokyo Shimbun fully supported US position. Columnists generally followed editorial pattern, with some raising issue legality of quarantine, others calling US "overexcited". Key regional papers expressed concern, with Hokkaido Shimbun and Hokkoku Shimbun expressing sharp condemnation on President's speech, subsequent actions. Privately, some editorialists,

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commentators expressed view that action was precipitous, immature, and doubted veracity evidence offensive build-up in Cuba. As photos, facts and figures received, credence was increased. As week drew to close editorial line firmed up somewhat more in support US position with Asahi throwing more blame on Soviet Union for precipitating crisis.

TV-radio commentaries, particularly NHK, somewhat more helpful. NHK-TV commentator Kazushige HIRASAWA thoroughly reviewed background, President's action, justifying it in terms of direct Soviet threat, deception. NHK radio's Teizo UTSUMI reminded listeners America's defense of Korea had kept Japan independent, Japanese must remember America has no one to help defend her but herself.

General public gives little evidence of concern so far, particularly outside of Tokyo. More articulate elements, however, reacted with customary distaste for resolute military positions and usual demand that peaceful solution be sought, but with considerable understanding and sympathy for US attitude. Misgivings about legalities and suspicions that US acted rashly or out of domestic political motives expressed, but there was also appreciation of threat to peace that would be represented by nuclear missiles in Cuba, disruption of existing balance of power. Large numbers of protest delegations called at Embassy and consulates October 24-25, mostly members of pro-Communist extremist groups, and it obvious Commies determined generate largest possible protest. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: No action which risks war, however necessary, can expect popular acclaim in Japan; but understanding of and support for US position likely to grow if danger of war appears recede, as evidence Soviet deception becomes more available and as other countries support US position. In absence of incidents dramatizing war danger, it unlikely mass movement will occur of proportions sufficient threaten political stability or cause GOJ retreat from October 24 statement expressing "understanding" US action as "unavoidable." (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

POLITICAL2. JSP to Co-operate with JCP Against ROK-J Talks

Japan Socialist Party (JSP), October 18, agreed co-operate with Japan Communist Party (JCP) in joint campaign force immediate suspension ROK-J talks to be waged through People's Council to Oppose Security Treaty and Safeguard Peace and Democracy. JSP decision, made on condition JCP will not attempt dominate campaign, is retreat from earlier refusal co-operate unless JCP first acknowledge "incorrectness" attitude taken at Eighth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs. JSP, however, reportedly reaffirmed earlier decision wage independent "peace" and anti-base campaigns (WEEKA 42, Item 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP decision, which reportedly urged by Sohyo, evidently prompted by realization difficulty in mounting significant campaign this issue through independent action. Strategy of campaign will be to link opposition ROK-J talks with such other issues as coal policy, anti-nuclear tests, anti-bases, and Cuba.

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If, as final settlement with ROK approaches, one or combination such issues could be exploited to mount widespread mass demonstrations, JSP presumably feels it might be possible shift focus to ROK-J talks sufficiently to cause GOJ retreat. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Anti-Base Demonstrations Flop

Nation-wide anti-base demonstration sponsored by Japan Peace Committee (JCP controlled affiliate of World Peace Council) October 21 failed attract large number participants or generate enthusiasm hoped for by JCP. Focal point was rally at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo where JCP hoped muster minimum 100,000 demonstrators. Police estimate that 35,000 labor unionists and left-wing demonstrators participated in Yokota rally. Three thousand armed Japanese police stationed outside base and along parade route. Rallies at other U.S. and Japanese bases (Misawa, Nagoya, Himatsu City, Komatsu City, Iwakuni, and Fukuoka) produced similar, and in some cases even more disappointing (to JCP), results. Rally at Fukuoka, where previous demonstrations against Itazuke Air Base have attracted up to 20,000, produced only 800 demonstrators and lasted about one hour. Pattern repeated in rallies against bases at Misawa (600) and Iwakuni (where 2,000 demonstrators reportedly participated in rally at city labor hall). Reports indicate that, on nation-wide basis, JCP achieved about 6% success in drive bring out one million demonstrators for rallies. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although JSP refusal participation in demonstrations (WEEKA 42, Item 2) may have curtailed number participants, poor turnout and general lack enthusiasm reflects increasing apathy Japanese public toward anti-base theme. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. KIM Chong Pil Visit

ROK CIA Director KIM Chong Pil met with FonMin OHIRA October 20 and PriMin IKEDA October 22. Talks totaled nearly five hours, atmosphere friendly and frank. No substantive decisions reached but wide range topics discussed with both sides apparently convinced of other's sincerity and both hopeful of final signing after April local Japanese elections. Korean mission has reported full account visit to Seoul and Japanese hopeful new negotiating instructions for PAE-SUGI talks will arrive soon. If no progress evident, especially on fisheries question, Japanese will take up question with Kim during discussions on his return from US November 10. Twelfth PAE-SUGI meeting held October 25 but no substantive discussions. Deputies will meet October 26 to confirm records of Kim conversations, which reported separately to negotiators by respective principals. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Sense of urgency which had characterized beginning of negotiations in August now largely dissipated by common consent. Atmosphere for further substantive discussions appears good. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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5. TAKASAKI Trade Mission Departs

Takasaki mission departed for Peiping October 26 with 23 business representatives from all major industries interested in China trade (WEEKA 42, Item 4). Upon last minute plea from Takasaki and deputy head of mission Kaheita OKAZAKI (President, All-Japan Airways) that failure of ammonium sulphate industry to participate would wreck mission and anger ChiComs, GOJ "persuaded" ammonium sulphate industry to include one middle-ranking representative. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Takasaki anticipates signing five-year barter trade agreement but in view reluctance of steel and ammonium sulphate industry to undertake at present large-scale trade commitments with ComChina, Takasaki publicly and senior GOJ officials privately have stated they expect only limited increases in trade. GOJ will extend deferred payment terms on case-by-case basis, with two-year terms permitted machinery and steel products and 1-1½ on ammonium chloride. Deferred payments for ammonium sulphate not expected. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Labor Opens "Fall Offensive"

First "wave" of Sohyo and neutral unions' "fall offensive" October 23 marked by 24-hour Coal Miners Union (Tanro) strike and Tokyo rally attended by 25,000 workers, including miners brought to Tokyo to protest coal rationalization plan. Opposition to ROK-Japan talks was among rally slogans. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Additional "waves" scheduled for November-December, but labor offensive unlikely to assume major proportions at least until mid-December when Diet convenes and GOJ plans to submit legislation based on coal investigation team recommendations (WEEKA 42, Item 3). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

7. ICFTU Regional Conference

Sixth Asian Regional Organization (ARO) Conference of ICFTU met in Tokyo October 17-20, attended by 42 delegates from eleven countries and territories, 18 advisors and 14 observers. Conference agenda devoted chiefly to discussion Secretary General's report, which unanimously approved. Resolutions adopted included one re India-China border dispute "unequivocally condemning Communist Chinese aggressive and expansionist policies" (with reference to India-China border dispute). ARO Executive Board re-elected President P. P. NARAYANAN and Conference elected incumbent Secretary General MAPARA (previously appointed by ICFTU) for three-year terms. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Delegates generally termed Conference "successful" primarily because it more smoothly run than previous ARO Conferences. Despite smoothing over of personal antagonism within leadership, Conference can point to few concrete accomplishments, and lack of discussion on agenda items resulted in closing Conference one day earlier than planned. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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8. Defense Agency Reaction to President Kennedy's Cuba Speech

Defense Agency October 23 placed on alert five fighter interceptor squadrons and entire 24-station early warning radar net. Action result of emergency meeting called by Director General SHIGA of Chiefs Self Defense Forces. Although no specific alert duties assigned to Ground or Maritime Self Defense Forces, their Commanders directed report immediately indications of leftist and/or subversive activities. Northern Army given additional requirement to report all information on Soviet air and ship movements. In response to representation by Soviet Ambassador VINOGRADOV, October 25, inquiring re GOJ views on Cuban crisis and protesting SDF alert, FonMin OHIRA asserted SDF action purely defensive. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is first time Self Defense Forces have reacted to international situation by placing units on alert status. (UNCLASSIFIED)

9. Slapping Incident in GSDF

Both vernacular and English language press October 25 carried story that Ground Self Defense Forces (GSDF) Lt. Naoshi SAITSU allegedly slapped number of trainees of 111th Recruit Training Battalion located at Beppu, Kyushu. One trainee reported have suffered ruptured eardrum. Incident immediately reported to and investigated by Ground Staff Office. GSDF Chief of Staff, Gen Kan OHMORI, issued stern warning to all GSDF units against such "rough treatment reminiscent of pre-war military practices." Defense Agency ordered the creation of a "disciplinary board to penalize" Lt. Saitsu. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This first such incident of unnecessarily severe disciplinary practices reported since organization of GSDF. Actions taken by Defense Agency and Gen Ohmori should prevent recurrence of harsh disciplinary practices of pre-war days. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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